GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to prepare a separate waiting list for senior citizens for providing immediate telephone connections to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed for providing telephones to senior citizens after registration;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have also instructed private operators in this field viz.Bharti, Tata, Essar and Reliance to provide similar benefits to senior citizens; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) No Sir. There is no such proposal at present to maintain a separate waiting list for senior citizens. However, they are eligible to register their demand for one telephone connection under Non-OYT- Special category which is a priority category.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) & (f) Private operators are to comply with Tariff Orders, Quality of Service Regulations and other directives issued from time to time by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in this regard.